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Recommendations of the Standing Committee, 3rd Meeting held on 30 November 1973

1. Consideration of the Report of the Member-Secretary on the action taken on the Recommendations of the Second Meeting of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee noted the action taken by the Member-Secretary on paras Nos.I to VI of the Minutes of the Second Meeting relating to the working and Membership of the Commission, the appointment of certain nominees of the State Governments/Union Territories/Universities, and collecting information about the microfilms from abroad held by different institutions, etc.

2. Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the 43rd.Session of the Commission.

(i) The Standing Committee reviewed the Conspectus of action taken by the concerned authorities on some of the earlier Resolutions and Recommendations of the Commission (vide pp.23-53 of the Agenda Papers). It was felt that the concerned State Governments and Institutions should send their reports on the action taken on the Recommendations of the Commission more quickly and more precisely, than had hitherto been done by some.

(ii) As regards the reply received from the Berhampur University pertaining to Resolution No.XIV of the 38th Session of the Commission (Page 28 of the Conspectus), it was learnt informally that the University Grants Commission had since made funds available to the University for the post of an Archivist.

(iii) The Standing Committee recommended that, so far as the Resolutions requiring implementation by the Universities were concerned, the Member-Secretary might also keep the University Grants Commission informed while writing to the Universities.

(iv) The Standing Committee approved the drafts of "the Standing Committee's views" on the various Resolutions included in the Agenda of the 43rd Session of the Commission.

3. Other Related Matters

The Standing Committee also made the following recommendations:-

(i) The Union Education Minister or the Additional Secretary, Department of Culture, Government of India, might write to their counterparts in the States emphasising that the funds allotted by the Planning Commission for the Development of Archives in the States during the Fifth Five-Year Plan should not be diverted to other schemes.

(ii) In future, a clause might be inserted in all the Cultural Exchange Programmes finalised between India and other countries providing for "the exchange of microfilm copies of records of each other's interest, if available in the respective countries." This should also be done in the case of the Cultural Exchange Programme now being finalised between India and the U.S.S.R.

(iii) That more time should be devoted to the discussion on papers presented to the Commission by the scholars on the approved theme. In order to make these discussions more fruitful the Commission should, while deciding about the subject for the Discussion Papers for the next Session, also invite one or two of its Members, who might have specialised knowledge of that particular subject, to initiate the discussion and act as Moderators.

(iv) The "Hand-Book to the Records" series in the National Archives of India should be made upto-date. This work should be assigned to some senior retired Archivist on payment of lump sum honoraria, which should be sufficient to cover his expenses on employment of technical and secretarial assistance.